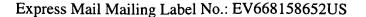
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This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 17, 2005. Applicants believe no fee is required for consideration of this paper; however, if a fee is due, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and authorization to charge Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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